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In re application of:

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SYSTEM FOR VASCULAR
PROCEDURES

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 25, 2006, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 6 of this paper which includes a new Fig. 1c.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including a new Figure 1c is attached following page 8 of this paper.